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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add new claims 18-31, as follows.

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18. (NEW) A method for treating cardiac disease of a heart, the method comprising:
 - placing a device on the heart, the device comprising:
 - biocompatible material configured to engage a surface of the heart to constrain circumferential expansion of the heart; and
 - pacing the heart.
 19. (NEW) A method according to claim 18 wherein the step of pacing the heart comprises pacing the heart to assist contraction of the heart during systole.